Oct 17
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Hogarth House,
Paradise Road,
Richmond.

Tuesday.

Dearest,

We are going to Arbeham this Friday, till Tuesday. Shall you be at Charleston? If so, perhaps you'd come over. Anyhow, I'll try to find the list of furniture, & shew Mrs. Altfield which it is, so that if you send for it, she can shew the man which it is.

Yr B.

Oct 19
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Hogarth House,
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Dearest,

Do come over on Monday. We shall expect you for lunch, at 1, a tea, a Dinner if you will. The furniture is certain to take some time - your best way to come, if you bicycle, is to take the path to Firle, under the park wall. Then you may have to go down into the main road; but if you are clever, you will find a turning to your left (there is a signpost saying "To the Hill") which leads you up to a machine for pumping water — a then the path goes straight on, to beneath the Downs, till it joins the main Beddingham road to Asheham. This cuts off at least 2 miles from the main road way. Or would you like the night, a go home next day?

I see you're going to say that Charleston is better than Asheham — It cuts me to the heart. I dreamt I was sitting in a kind of portable W.C. at Charleston, painted grey, like a Beehive to look at. B.

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Athelhampton,

Tuesday.

Dearest,

It was a great disappointment that you didn't come — but it would have been perfect madness — think I bicycling 9 miles on the first day of my affairs! I half thought of coming over, but it struck me you might be out on business, or have some one — I don't know when we shall be here again — anyhow for Christmas — perhaps for a week end before. I could come — see you at Gordon Sq^re. on Thursday, but I suppose this wouldn't suit — Friday we dine out, so I suppose I must't — God damn!

I have looked for the list

but can find it nowhere. There are
now 7 beds here (not counting a
camp bed —) & a cot. Can you
remember whether you sent your beds
when I was at Firle or at Athelhampton?
I know I had 4 beds (not counting Jean's)
at Firle; last year we brought 2
more — That only leaves 1 bed, a camp
bed, & a cot for you. If you
sent the beds to Firle, however, then
others belong to you. Perhaps you
can tell yours by looking at them.
Mrs. Attfield thinks that her husband
could take the furniture for you,
if Gunn let him have a cart, which
she thinks possible. I have told her
to ask Gunn at once, & to send you
a card. I have also said that

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you will come over on Monday next, & show her the furniture. If you can't, you might send a line to Mrs. Attfield, Athelhampton Cottages — The rest of the things you will find quite easily — When you have taken the furniture would you let me know what it amounts to, as we might have to get more, before Christmas.

Would you ask Bunny if he took the Oxford English Book of Poetry when he came? It was in my bedroom; I can't find it — & possibly he did — I always read it while I'm waiting for breakfast — & I can't find anything else to read.

How pleasant it would be to see you here, or to walk on the Downs together, & we would steal leaves from the most secluded parts!

I hope we shall get our pens now, as we've just heard that they are soon sending our money.

I keep dreaming of Charleston — I shd. like to see it. Perhaps we cd. arrange a meeting here one week end.

Yr B.

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Thursday.

Dearest,

My affairs have just come on, so I'm afraid I shan't be able to come up until Saturday, when we thought of going to Maynard's party — Damn it all! I had meant to go to the Omega Show tomorrow, but I suppose I mustn't. Shall you be at the party? If so, I could possibly settle to come on Sunday some time — We had an awful time with Jean about the furniture — however I'll tell you about it when I see you, as I hope I may do.

If we come to the party we shall come very early & go very early.

I will keep Sunday afternoon free on the chance that you will stay on.

Yr B.

Nov 13
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Hogarth
Monday

Dearest,

I think, from what Leonard says, that I must have given a wrong account of what Maynard said about having a room at Charleston. L. says he only said that he hoped he might have one; but was quite doubtful.

I expect L. is right, as you know I don't attend very carefully.

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I've just had a wonderful letter from Aunt Mima, saying that in your pre-Christ days you might have liked to paint a fallen tree in her garden, but not now. Also, did she give us a silver tea pot for a wedding present, as one is missing, on her chest.